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Honorable Gerry E. Studds
House of Representatives
237 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Studds:

This is in reply to your letter of March 2, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we have confirmed that without

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GERRY E. STUDDS
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 2, 1993

Ms. Lauren Belvin
Director of Legislative Affairs
The Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Belvin:

Enclosed please find correspondence from my constituents regarding PR Docket 92-235, rules dealing with the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model aviation use.

I respectfully refer these letters to you and ask that you provide them all possible consideration.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

Gerry E. Studds

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January 21, 1993

The Honorable Gerry Studds
% U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr Studds:

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is FR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-74 MHz band. This

Karin Anderson

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The Honorable Gerry Studds
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

February 19, 1993

Dear Congressman Studds:

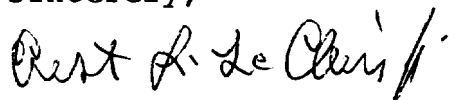
I am a professional in aviation so I know that if such an investment is required, then I will have to do it. But others may not have standards as high as mine - and I can't say I would blame them. Why should we be forced to buy new radios again when we just replaced our old ones to meet the 1991 standards. This would further complicate the interference problems this regulation would create.

While I realize that there must be a realignment in our radio frequency spectrum, certainly there must be a way that would not create such problems.

And don't take these problems lightly; in the hobby of Radio Controlled Model Aircraft the proposed changes will most certainly result in crashes that will cause serious damage, injury and possibly deaths.

As a professional pilot and aviation safety expert I most urgently and strongly request that PR Docket 92-235 not be implemented without first resolving these problems.

Sincerely,



Ernest J. LeClair, Jr., Major, USAFR (Retired)
13 Goldie Rd.
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February 5, 1993

The Honorable Jerry Studds
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Studds:

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I am a local club vice president representing 100+ members. Our club constructs and operates radio controlled model airplanes, and also take part in youth activities in the community. Our membership consists of a wide variety of people from every imaginable profession. We all are members of the A.M.A. (Academy of Model Aeronautics). They are a national organization "one hundred and sixty thousand members strong." It's amazing even to me how popular model aeronautics is!

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is in Docket 92-238. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for

wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment

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165 North Main Street.
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8 February 1993

The Honorable Gerry Studds
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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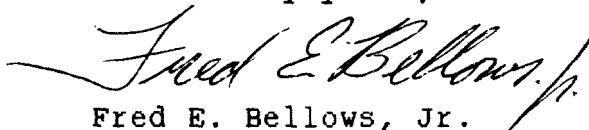
I am writing to you in reference to PR Docket 92-235 a notice of proposed rule making by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Although this proposed rule affects Part 88, it will have duplicating effect on Part 85. A major concern of mine is that

considerable investment in our RPV's and radio equipment and the hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself as well as employment for a great number of persons and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry

As an aside, prior to WWII I was in the Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP), an emergency effort to train pilots for war and it was a large factor in providing the fifty-thousand pilots needed for FDR's 50k yearly aircraft production. It is within the realm of possibility that that the country may someday need people with the skills that miniature aircraft RPV pilots possess. If that ever occurs, there will be a pool of talented people available. Also, it should be noted that miniature or "model" aircraft initiate an interest in aviation activities among young people thus helping to provide the pilots and engineers of the future.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope that you will be able to oppose the passage of PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred E. Bellows, Jr." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Fred E. Bellows, Jr.

David Anderson
P.O. 153
West Branch, IA 52668

January 22, 1993

The Honorable Gerry Studds
% U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr Studds:

I have been interested in model aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we are able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now The FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are now available for model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly reduced.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes loss of control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of the land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are important as business users of radios, but we have a very considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely, *David Anderson*

NELSON WHITMAN
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The Honorable Gerry Studds
% U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Studds:

I am very concerned about proposed rules now under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will reduce greatly the usability of frequencies now assigned for the control of both airborne and surface models controlled by radio using the 72-76MHz band, a band used primarily for private land mobile dispatch operations. At this moment, the frequencies assigned to the radio control of models are sufficiently spaced from those assigned to the mobile dispatch operations to effectively enable both users to operate without interference from the other.

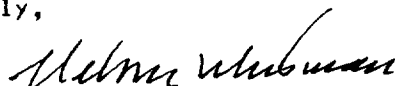
It is proposed to split the frequencies into narrower band widths and to rearrange the band. I am told that if the change is effected the frequencies that can be used for safe operation of models, particularly model aircraft, will be reduced from 50 to 19. This reduction in available channels may very seriously increase risk of accidents in the hobby. We are very jealous of our safety record and hope that nothing happens to make our operations more hazardous, both to ourselves and to others.

One of the most important controls we have over safe flying is the careful coordination of frequencies being used at any one time. If the frequencies assigned to us become more congested our margins of safety may well be diminished. Considering that models are now being built and flown with wing spans of ten feet or so and weights up to 40 pounds much care must be used to avoid collisions between the aircraft themselves and between the aircraft and people and things on the ground, both to prevent property damage liability and the risk of serious personal injury. Control of who flies when is a major preoccupation of the people who run meets where up to several hundred participants are involved, and all wanting to get in as much flying time as the meet will allow.

I think it unwise for the FCC to seek to improve the conditions of the land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio control modelers. There are several hundred thousands of us flying model aircraft by radio control at this time. There are more, I believe, using radio to control surface vehicles. Between us we support considerable research and development in the field as well as a large number of small (and not so small) businesses supplying our needs and the needs of the aviation industry itself. We hope that our operations will catalyze the interest of the young in aviation in general.

Please consider that effecting a change in the assignment of channels in the 72-76 MHz band may seriously lower the safety of flying radio controlled model aircraft and hinder the technical growth of the industries which serve the needs of the modelers.

Sincerely,



February 22, 1993

The Honorable Gary Studds
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Sir:

I am a sixteen year old high school student who is very concerned about a change in FCC rules which, if adopted, will make it difficult for me to pursue my hobby.

For several years I have been building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. The rule change that is proposed under FCC Docket 92-235, if implemented, will reduce the usability of frequencies now assigned for modelers. Our frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band, which is used primarily for private mobile dispatch operations. However, model

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Christopher J. Zanis
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January 22, 1993

The Honorable Gerry Studds
% U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Studds:

I have been interested in model aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we are able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now The FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are now available for model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly model airplanes under radio control; we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly reduced.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes loss of control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of the land mobile radio users at the expense of

February 1, 1993

The Honorable Gerry E. Studds
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Studds;

I am an avid Radio Controlled Modeler, both airplanes and sailboats. My children and I, along with several other children in our neighborhood spend several hundred hours each year building and operating radio controlled models. Many of us are members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, a national organization headquartered in Virginia. Total membership of this group is several hundred thousand. We are also members of the South Shore Radio Control Club, Inc. of Bridgewater, Mass. Club membership numbers over 300.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission in Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM-PR Docket 92-235). If adopted, the new rules will greatly increase the risk of accidents and liability for those flying model airplanes.

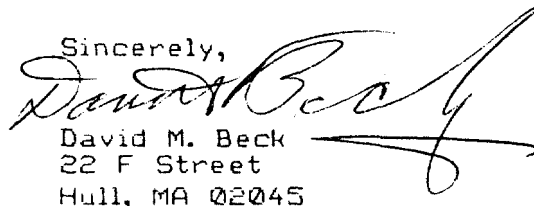
Our small neighborhood group (2 adults & 5 children under 16) have invested over \$3,300 in radio equipment alone. Much of this is by young children who have worked very hard in fund raising (paper routes, car washing, errands, etc.) and saving their nickels and dimes to be able to participate. The new FCC proposed rule will make most of this valuable equipment virtually useless by introducing frequency interference on or near the modeling frequencies in the 72 - 76 MHz radio band. We understand that only 19 of the current 50 frequencies currently allocated to model aircraft will remain usable because the FCC is proposing "Squeezing" more commercial channels in between the model channels thereby guaranteeing interference to our aircraft.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 - 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users (the beneficiaries of the new proposed frequencies), at the expense of radio control modelers. There are many hundreds of thousands of model radio controls in use nationwide today. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment for hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry, as well as provide positive, character building, educational interest for our young citizens in their developmental years. Collectively we contribute many millions of dollars to the economy annually.

Please help us continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out it's proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band. Thank you.

Sincerely,



David M. Beck
22 F Street
Hull, MA 02045

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The Honorable Gerry Studds
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Studds,

I am writing to you in regards to proposed rules currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235.

As a boy during World War II, I developed a keen interest in aviation. I now pursue this interest (along with thousands of other men, women and younger people) building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. I am also able to share my enthusiasm for model aviation with youngsters who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in such a fascinating, healthy and wholesome hobby.

Safety is always a primary concern and the proposed upcoming FCC changes, impinging on our currently authorized radio frequencies, are going to create a very real safety problem.

I suppose the FCC does not consider the aeromodeling community as important as the business users of radio, but we too have invested time and money and should not be getting short shrift from the FCC.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Barnes
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January 30, 1993

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Richard Neves
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Wollaston Ma 02170

The Honorable Gary Studds
United States House of Representatives
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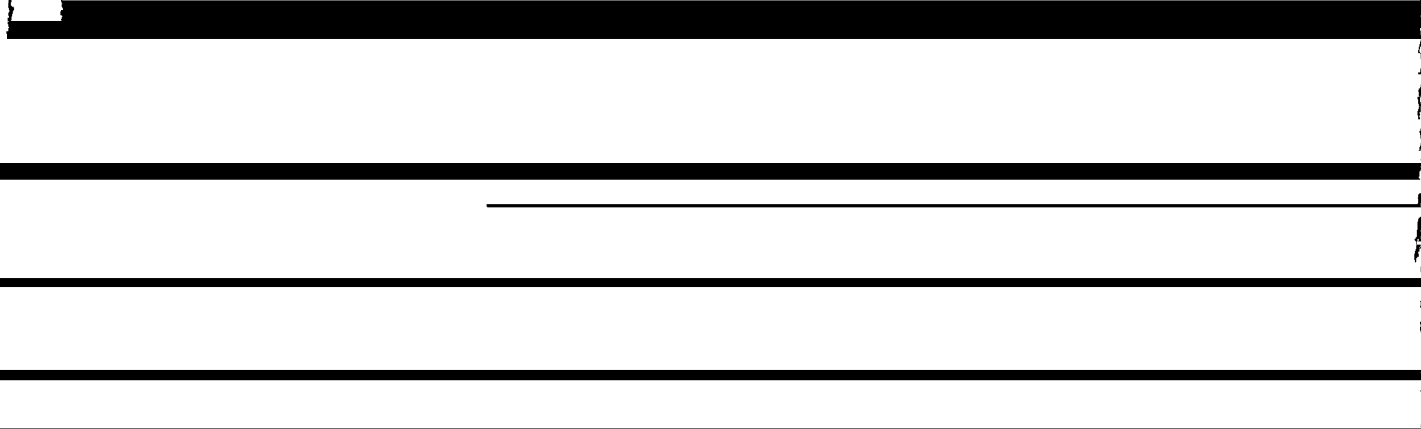
Dear Mr. Studds:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. Also, I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. The models we build weigh as much as 55 pounds and operate at speeds up to 180 m.p.h.

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Richard Neves

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January 21, 1993

The Honorable Gerry Studds
% U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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N. A. McKinsry

192 Bay Rd.
Chatham, MA 02633

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P.O. Box 1828

Duxbury, MA 02331

January 30, 1993

The Honorable Gerry Studds
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Studds:

I am very active in several model airplane clubs whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the useability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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When we fly our model aircraft under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful co-ordination and use of radio control frequencies. If the number of useable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model aircraft have wingspans up to 10 feet and weigh 30-40 pounds. The models are expensive to build, requiring many hours to construct; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the aircraft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

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Sincerely yours,


Don Krafft

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January 21, 1993

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% U.S. House of Representatives
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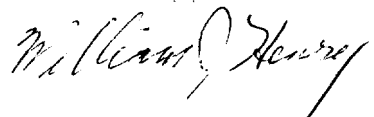
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